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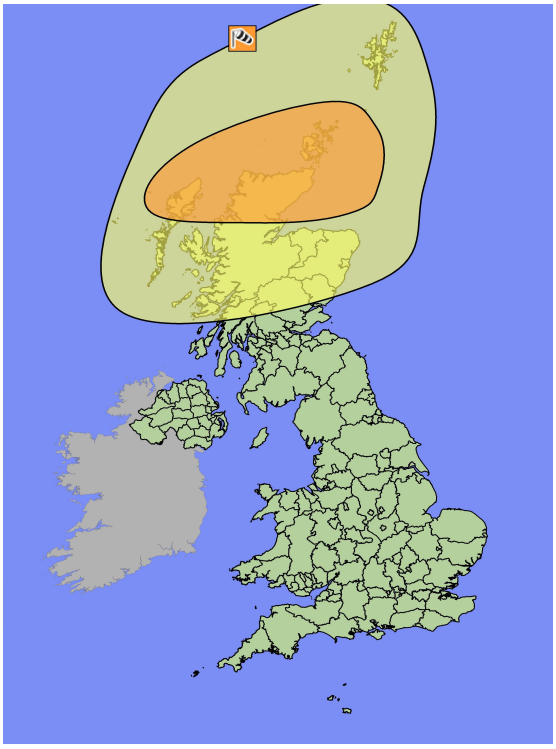

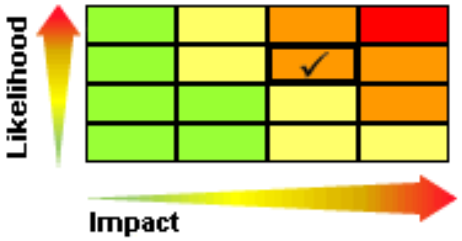

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure is expected to move northeast, to pass close to northwest then northern Scotland during Wednesday night. Gusts of 70 mph are likely in northwestern areas during Wednesday evening, but the main concern is for the overnight period and during Thursday, when gusts around 80 mph are possible across the far north of Scotland and Orkney. The wind will ease from the west during Thursday afternoon.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **00:05 on Thu, 01st Dec 2011** until **18:00 on Thu, 01st Dec 2011**

Southerly gales will develop during Wednesday evening reaching severe gale overnight. Winds will become northwesterly by Thursday morning with severe gales continuing during the day and may reach storm force for a time across the far north of Scotland and Orkney. As a result of the very strong winds, the public should be prepared for travel disruption.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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